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Governor's Mansion Presents "The Magic of Spring, A Garden Affair" on May 18

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- The California State Historic Governor's Mansion Foundation in cooperation with the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park (SHP) are proud to present a special fundraising event titled "The Magic of Spring, A Garden Affair at the Mansion" on Saturday, May 18, 2013. The celebratory evening event will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. and is designed to showcase the recently transformed gardens of the Mansion while in full bloom and with its interior decorated by local florists with arrangements to complement the historic nature of the building. The purpose of the "Garden Affair" is to raise needed funds for operation and the continued restoration of the historic grounds.

An interactive treasure hunt format will highlight the "Garden Affair" for those desiring a self-guided tour of the beautiful gardens and historic buildings. As guests meander through the majestic gardens and historic site, docents in period attire will share interesting anecdotes and help interpret the lives of the 15 families who made the Mansion their personal residence, 13 of whom were former governors of California. Light food and refreshments will be provided and there will be a raffle drawing for lovely floral arrangements and other donated items at the conclusion of the event.

The public is invited to attend the fundraising event at a cost of \$30 per ticket. Tickets are limited and may be purchased at www.brownpapertickets.com. For those planning to purchase tickets at the door, advance reservations are recommended by calling 916-445-3727.

"The Magic of Spring, A Garden Affair" is a collaboration between the California State Historic Governor's Mansion Foundation, Governor's Mansion SHP Docents, the Mansion Gardener Volunteer Program and California State Parks.

About the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park

Beginning with Governor George Pardee and his wife Helen in 1903, the stately Governor's Mansion State Historic Park served as the home of 13 California governors and their families until 1967, when then-Governor Ronald Reagan and wife Nancy became the last to live there. Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the non-profit California State Historic Governor's Mansion Foundation, the Governor's Mansion is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. For more information, call (916) 323-3047 or visit www.parks.ca.gov/governorsmansion.

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